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CHINA - CAUTION

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ADVISES THAT MARTIAL LAW REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR PORTIONS OF BEIJING AND TIBET. TROOP PRESENCE IN THE BEIJING AREA REMAINS HIGHER THAN BEFORE THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN MAY 1989.

THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT ADVISES AMERICAN TRAVELERS TO HEED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

-- EXERCISE CAUTION, ESPECIALLY IN BEIJING, PORTIONS OF WHICH REMAIN UNDER MARTIAL LAW WITH A CONTINUING SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE OF THE CHINESE ARMED SECURITY FORCES.

-- AVOID GOING OUT AFTER DARK IN BEIJING AND REFRAIN FROM PHOTOGRAPHING TROOPS OR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

-- HEED ORDERS GIVEN BY A CHINESE SOLDIER, POLICE OFFICER, OR OTHER SECURITY OFFICIAL.

-- BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT CARRYING INTO CHINA DOCUMENTS, LITERATURE, LETTERS, ETC., THAT MIGHT BE REGARDED AS OBJECTIONABLE BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES. CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE SEIZED RELIGIOUS, PORNOGRAPHIC, AND POLITICAL MATERIALS.

-- BE CERTAIN THAT ALL PASSPORTS AND VISAS ARE CURRENT. CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED THE DEPARTURE OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO THEY CLAIMED EXCEEDED THE TERMS OF THEIR VISITORS' VISAS.

-- AMERICANS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO REGISTER WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIJING OR WITH ONE OF THE CONSULATES GENERAL IN SHANGHAI, GUANGZHOU, SHENYANG, OR CHENGDU UPON ARRIVAL IN CHINA. THIS APPLIES EVEN TO AMERICANS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE EMBASSY OR CONSULATES GENERAL.

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